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SUBJECT: AMERICAN SPECIALIST PROGRAM - WEAVER, HAROLD

1. PROFESSOR HAROLD D. WEAVER, FREELANCE CONSULTANT ON THE MEDIA AND PART-TIME PROFESSOR OF CINEMA, UNIVERSITY OF LAVAL, QUEBEC, AVAILABLE AS AMSPEC LECTURER APRIL 20 - MAY 30, 1976 TO PRESENT LECTURE/FILM PROGRAM ON BLACK AMERICAN CINEMA. PROFESSOR WEAVER, WHO IS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, IS ALSO SPECIALIST IN POLITICAL AND THIRD WORLD CINEMA, AND IS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH MANY OF ITS

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LEADING FIGURES. IN 1975 RECEIVED GRANT FROM NATIONAL

ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS (PUBLIC MEDIA) TO WRITE BOOK ON
BLACKS IN AMERICAN CINEMA.

2. WEAVER ALSO HAS STRONG BACKGROUND IN AFRICAN STUDIES.
DID GRADUATE WORK AFRICAN STUDIES COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. WAS FIRST CHAIRMAN RUTGERS UNIVER-
SITY AFRICANA DEPARTMENT (1969-70) AND TAUGHT AFRO-
AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AS MAITRE DE CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY
OF PARIS (1970-74). WAS ADLAI STEVENSON FELLOW AT THE
UNITED NATIONS FROM 1968-69.

3. WEAVER OFFERS FOLLOWING LECTURES/FILM PROGRAMS: (A)

THE EVOLUTION OF BLACKS IN AMERICAN CINEMA." THIS COULD
BE A GENERAL OVER-VIEW LECTURE OR A SERIES OF LECTURES,
WITH EXCERPTS FROM FILMS LISTED IN ITEMS (B) THROUGH (G)
AS ILLUSTRATIONS. (B) "HOLLYWOOD IMAGES OF
AFRO-AMERICANS." ILLUSTRATION: FILM CLIPS FROM CBS-TV
PRESENTATION "BLACK HISTORY: LOST, STOLEN, OR STRAYED"
(IN ENGLISH). (C) AFRO-AMERICAN FILM MAKERS CONFRONT
HOLLYWOOD." ILLUSTRATION: "THE LEARNING TREE" BY GORDON
PARKS (FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION). (D) "AFRO-AMERICAN
AND AFRICAN FILM MAKERS: SOME COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS."
ILLUSTRATION: "THE LEARNING TREE." (E) "THE AFRO-
AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY FILM." ILLUSTRATION: "THE BADDEST
DADDY EVER" (IN ENGLISH) BY WILLIAM GREAVES - FILM ON
MOHAMMED ALI. (GREAVES DIRECTED USIA FILM ON 1966 DAKAR
ARTS FESTIVAL.) (F) "THE USE OF VISUALS IN TEACHING
AFRICAN STUDIES/CIVILIZATION." SPECIALIZED LECTURE FOR
SPECIALISTS IN PEDAGOGY. ILLUSTRATION: "THE UNMAKING OF
A MYTH" (IN ENGLISH). FILM PRODUCED BY WEAVER UNDER
GRANT FROM U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND URBAN CENTER OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

4. WEAVER SPEAKS FRENCH WITH RELATIVE FLUENCY AND WOULD
PRESENT ALL LECTURES IN FRENCH.

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